

CITY OF GHENT  
APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 14TH, 2024

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Tim VanKeulen, & Ross Williams. Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaminc - Public Works Director, Jesse Christianson  
Absent: Zac Boerboom

**OPEN MEETING:** Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order @ 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by DeRoode to approve the minutes of the April meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Williams and seconded by DeRoode to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** No comments were heard.

**LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT:** Sherriff Wallen dropped off the monthly call report directly before the meeting.

**BLUEBIRD COURT SUBDIVISION: STREET & STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:**

- Jesse has the core samples taken this month to establish the thickness of the non-wear course of bituminous from this job on display. They are clearly irregular. Bolton and Menk has put Rogge Excavating on notice. They are scheduled to review the core depths and locations in the field tomorrow, Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 p.m. The repairs to these areas shall be completed between May 15 & June 15, 2024.
- Jesse has asked Dawn to send out a letter to the residents asking them to move forward with their connections with their sump pumps into the storm sewer system. This will get them off the road surface in advance of the second lift being installed.

**2023 WATERMAIN & SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:**

- The open house last evening was well attended.
- It is apparent that we will need to tighten the budget for city paid portion of this project. Final decisions will be made after we receive our funding package from the State.

**SHADE TREE DIVERSIFICATION GRANT:** Jesse is asking for council to keep their eyes open for tree watering systems.

**CITY HALL RENOVATIONS:** Work will be completed by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Council reviewed a draft rental agreement and a possible change of rates for rental of the hall. Our new website can also accommodate receiving and returning a damage/cleaning deposit. Dawn will continue to work on this to be finalized at our June meeting.

**CITY WEBSITE/IWORQ:** Code Enforcement & Permitting is completed and ready for use. Online forms and payment are also ready. Dawn is requesting that our council members please apply for their special vehicle permits online to test the site. The code enforcement dashboard is working nicely so far.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Council reviewed the report of active cases.

**2024 ELECTIONS:** We have the mayor and two council positions up for re-election. Filing dates are between July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**JUNE MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>.** Note the change from our regular date of June 11<sup>th</sup>. Dawn will be out of the office on June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Williams and seconded by VanKeulen to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminc,  
Administrator/Clerk